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A Tribute To Mary Jeanette

State Rep. and former Selectman Mary Jeanette Murray was toasted (and roasted) Sunday night for her contributions to Cohasset at the South Shore Country Club in Hingham.

Mary Jeanette said she was "surprised, very humbled and pleased" at the attendance of 300 friends and constituents. And rather than solely accept the praises bestowed her, she deferred them to her husband Philip and to the memory of her father, the late Nate Hurwitz of Hull.

Jack Conway emceed the orations which capped a fine roast beef dinner. Rev. Charles Keohane, pastor of St. Anthony's Church in Cohasset, gave the invocation, and James Driscoll of Hingham, administrative assistant to the governor led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Selectman Chairman Arthur Clark, described by Conway as Mary Jeanette's "oldest, sometimes adversary, but always friend" was the first to give verbal honors and highlighted their humorous moments spent together as Selectmen during the last nine years.

He related the story about the time they went to check on the suitability of the mud flats as a clam breeding area. Mary Jeanette had borrowed a pair of boots for the occasion from the Fire Department, and unbeknownst to her, they leaked. Clark claimed he

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Apartment Plan Draws Mixed Review

The proposed conversion of a single family home on Sohler Street to four apartments brought mixed reactions at a hearing before the Zoning Board of Appeals Tuesday night.

The eighteen room house at 205 Sohler Street, owned by Thomas and Ruth Payne since 1973, comprises 5714 square feet and is from one to two and a half stories in height. According to the Paynes, a servants cottage attached to the main house by a roof and walkway has been rented for over 20 years. The 39,000 square feet of

area needed for the conversion under the town's bylaws could be met by merging another lot with the one containing the house, the Paynes said, and a parking area could accommodate eight cars.

The Paynes further stated that the sewage system is equipped to cover two homes with 14 rooms and 10 baths. Impact on neighbors would be minimal and exterior changes to the house would be slight, they said.

A special permit was sought for this conversion, the Paynes concluded, as

they had reached retirement status, had been unsuccessful in selling the house since 1977 and would find themselves in a hardship to continue living there.

A question of whether a request for a variance should have been registered was raised by Board member Myrna Putziger. She noted that one of the proposed apartments was situated on the third floor and cited the bylaw area regulation which prohibits a full dwelling unit above the second floor.

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Despite the drizzles Saturday, Cohasset's Portuguese Festival drew a good crowd. Among those who came away pleased were Amanda Holthaus, left, luxuriating with cotton candy and eight month-old Adam Donovan who feigned boredom for photographer Greg Derr.

A Dump Is A Dump Is A Dump

By Judith Epstein

"Today's treasure is tomorrow's trash," the slender smiling man said to his visitor at the place where Cohasset residents throw their refuse. "And remember, this is just a dump," he added.

Joseph ("Skinny") Laugelle is the dumpmaster of the Cedar Street dump, which in recent years may have been labelled 'recycling center,' 'sanitary landfill,' 'solid waste disposal,' and a number of other terms designed to unpollute the term dump.

However, Laugelle (a.k.a. 'sanitary engineer') rightfully adheres to calling the 43 acre trash drop-off spot what it is — a dump. It is a smelly and messy place, but the best dump around according to Laugelle. And it serves all of the town, as there is no municipal solid waste collection system in Cohasset.

On a busy weekend as many as 1500

cars may visit the dump per day. "People like to come and talk, but as for cocktail hours up here, there are none," Laugelle quickly assured. He noted that a pleasant aspect of his job is the many friends who drop by his office to say hello after using the dump.

The dump's facilities include a regular pit where household rubbish is thrown, as well as areas for bulky refuse, and building, commercial and demolition wastes. There is also a recycling center where glass and paper are collected.

The pit is compacted by bulldozer every day. "Rubbish is supposed to be covered every night by six inches of compacted fill," Laugelle said. "In order to have a proper landfill, we should have our own fill on site," he commented. As it is 75 per cent of the town dump land is ledge and fill has to be hauled in from Sylvester Ray Enterprise in Marshfield.

Although Laugelle contends that Cohasset has a "good dump" he has his gripes. He was upset the day the *Mariner* visited because of the "bad wind" that was blowing paper around. Loose papers concern him because they contribute to a violation of state health regulations.

According to a study done by SEA Consultants in 1977 the dump is not in compliance with rules and regulations set by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Quality Engineering (DEQE).

"What can you do?" Laugelle asked. "We're very high. If any amount of wind blows, it's almost impossible for people to dump in the pit." The proposed study includes in its recommendations the installation of portable or snow fencing at any disposal area in use.

"Trash is the nation's number one problem," Laugelle said. "The town

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Memorial Day Parade Steps Off Monday

The annual Cohasset Memorial Day parade will form in front of the George H. Mealy Post 118 on Summer Street at 8:15 a.m. Monday. The procession will visit the town's cemeteries and honor rolls to pay respect to those who died in service to their country.

Veterans, the high school band, the legion auxiliary, Girl Scouts and Brownies, Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts, the Deer Hill School Band, a marine firing squad, and the Fire Department serving as the color guard are all expected to march. Stephen Wigmore, parade coordin-

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